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NEW EARTH REMOVER, FARM MACHINES INTRODUCED

The balancing of the machine and the distribution of its weight over 280 wheels is a marvel of design. The earth remover is moved along the ground on five rails. The machine, electrically driven, has 100 motors. Now operated by eight employees, later there will be only five.

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NEW MACHINES FOR FARM WORK -- Otrana Lidu, No 53, 4 Mar 49

Two hundred high-capacity potato planters were distributed by planting time to state farms and machinery cooperatives. Manpower requirements are cut two-thirds by these machines. Tractor attachments used this year have cut turnip-seed planting to a record low. Similar service is planned for sugar-beet planting in areas where manpower is scarce.

All types of Czechoslovak-made farm tractors will be tried out in the fields this spring. The Ministry of Agriculture is interested in obtaining complete data on the capabilities of these machines in connection with planning for the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan.

The most important of the machines soon to be released for farm use are hundreds of Zetor-15 tractors which, because of their lighter weight, will be able to work much faster than previous models.

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